

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Yates-Tolson Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

104-106 North Commerce Street

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☒ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Multiple ownership

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Yates-Tolson building is located on the east side of North Commerce Street in Centreville, just north of Railroad Avenue and immediately to the south of the Harmon Building.

This building consists of a two story frame structure with a pitched gable roof set gable end to the street and a two story frame addition across the south facade wall. The enlarged building has an applied, pressed tin front and is divided into two stores, with Linwood C. Yates and Company in 104 North Commerce Street (the south half) and Tolson's His and Her Shop in 106 North Commerce Street (the north half).

The first story of the street facade consists of two similar store fronts, each with recessed central entrance doors flanked by large shop windows. A smaller door at the north end of the facade opens into a narrow alley between the north wall of 106 and the south wall of the adjacent Harmon Building. A bracketed cornice crosses the facade between the first and second story. Four 1/1 windows with louvered shutters are ranged across the second story. A second bracketed cornice crosses

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PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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<input type="checkbox"/> 400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The frame building at 104-106 North Commerce Street was probably constructed in the latter part of the 19th century. The building rests on a lot that has served as an important commercial site since 1796, when Joseph Thompson purchased one-half acre of Lot 6 South from Mary Nicholson for £70.⁽¹⁾ Within a year Thompson had made improvements valued at \$933,⁽²⁾ and in 1801 Thompson sold the lot with store house and granary to Thomas Harris for £450.⁽³⁾ The property was subsequently divided between Harris's two daughters following his death circa 1814⁽⁴⁾ and in the 1830's and 1840's the heirs disposed of their interests in the property.⁽⁵⁾ In the latter references, the deeds refer to the "two houses and lots". Later transactions do not include specific descriptions of the number or types of buildings that occupied the lots.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

9/16/81

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

the facade above the second story. Both cornices have complex crown molds, a deep soffit, and simple, scrolled brackets. The facade of the building is covered with pressed tin stamped with a brick pattern; decorative metal hoods add a pleasing detail above each window opening. The pitched gable of the original building projects above the second story cornice of 106. A paired Victorian window with multiple colored panes is centered in the gable. The eaves of this gable are boxed and trimmed in the same manner as the cornice. To the right of the gable, a parapet wall forms the top of the addition that comprises 104.

From the rear, the two-stage development of the building is more obvious.

Footnotes

- (1) Deeds STW 4, folio 106. November 5, 1796.
- (2) 1797 Tax Assessment, Centreville Town Commissioner Minute Book, 1797-1876. Hall of Records.
- (3) Deeds, STW 6, folio 5. October 19, 1801.
- (4) Wills, RW 1, folio 190. Last Will and Testament of Thomas Harris. Probated January 15, 1814.
- (5) Deeds, JT 1, folio 180. Sept. 11, 1834.
JT 2, folio 270-71. March 28, 1837.
JT 3, folio 295. July 20, 1840.

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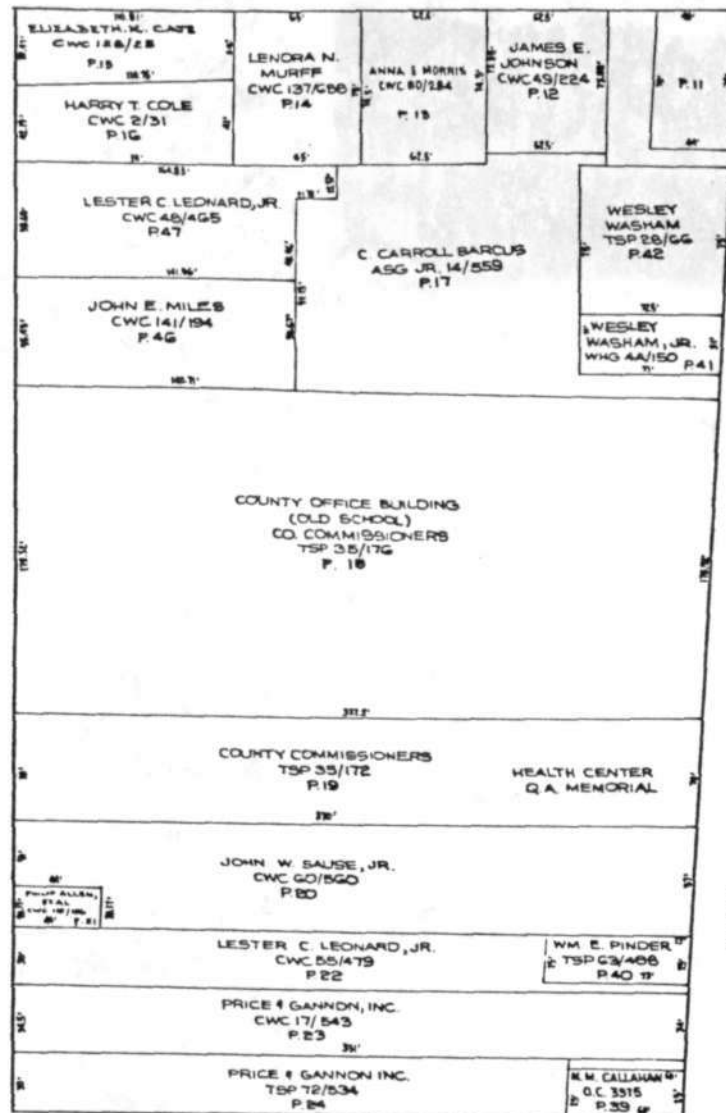
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LAWYERS ROW

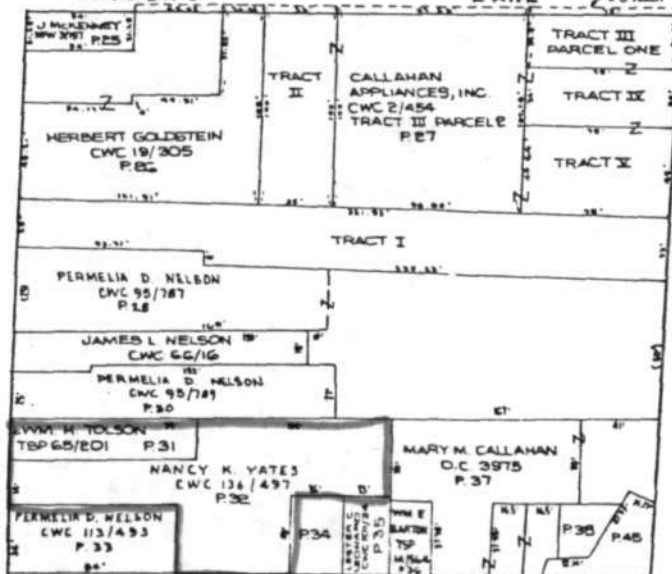
COMMERCE

STREET

TURPINS LANE



HAYDEN'S LANE



WATER STREET

HAYDEN STREET

ALSO

BANJO LANE

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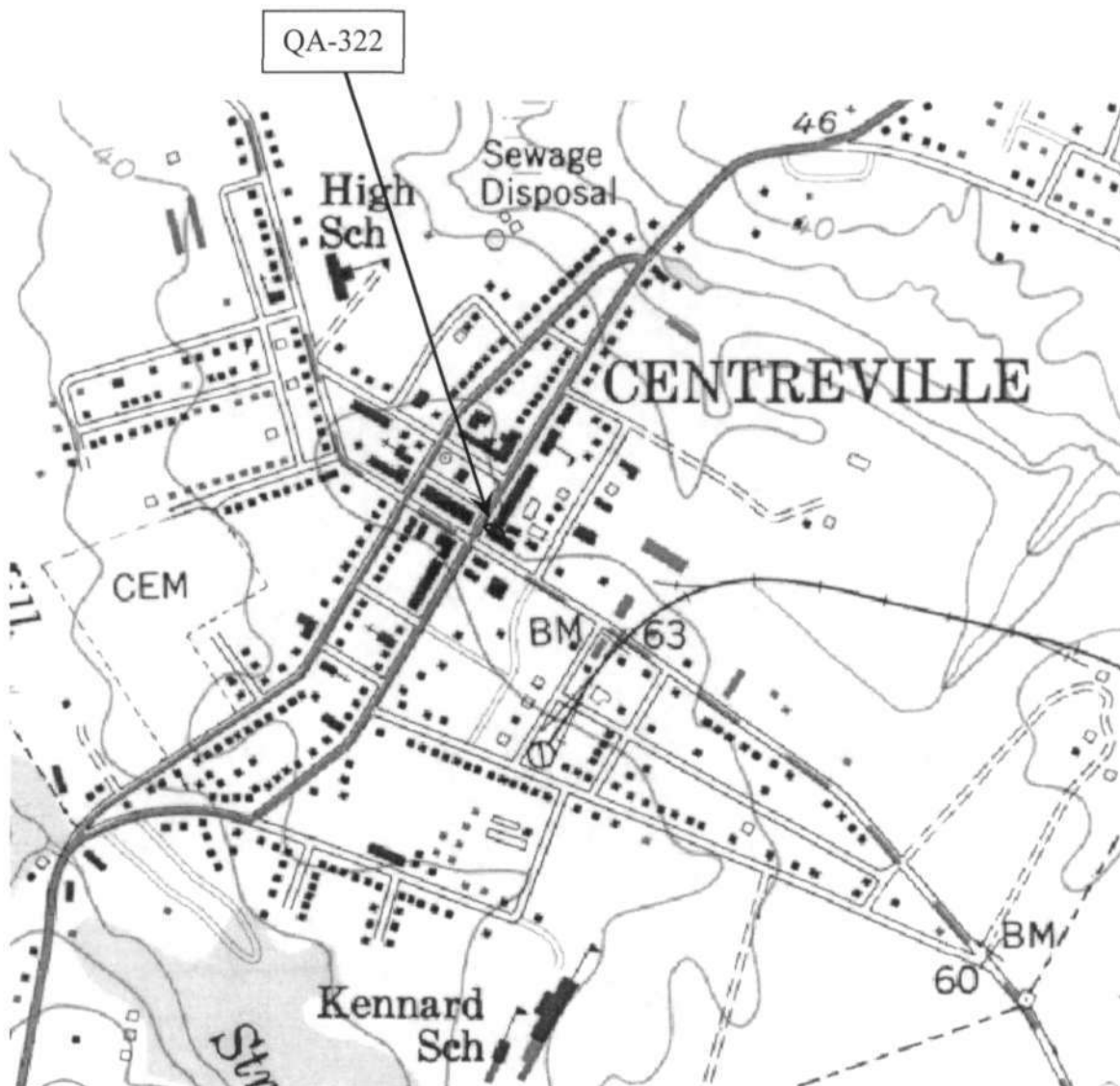
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View from Southwest